

PUBLIC SEWER AND WATER

The study area consists of a mix of service areas: Existing Service Areas that have public water and sewer in place (W-1, S-1); Capital Facilities Areas, where facilities are required within the framework of the 6-year Capital Program, subject to annual budgeting, neighborhood petitions, determination of health hazards and the negotiation of Public Works Agreements (W-3, S-3); Master Plan Areas, where capital facilities are required and intended within the framework of the Baltimore County Master Plan (W-5, S-5); areas for Future Consideration, areas to be considered in the design of major facilities for growth and development beyond the Land Use Master Plan (W-6,S-6); and No Planned Service Areas, mostly resource conservation areas for which Metropolitan facilities extension are not planned or intended (W-7, S-7). Several of the areas are presently served by water, but not by sewer.

Areas Served by Public Water and Sewer

The areas presently receiving public water are most of the residential and commercial development along Pulaski Highway, Middle River Road, the stretch of land between Pulaski Highway, Bird River Road and Reames Road, Wampler Road, Gladway Road, the area between Vincent Road and Vincent Farm Lane, and some of the homes along Ebenezer Road.

Baltimore County relies primarily on a gravity system to provide public sewage facilities. Areas falling within a certain drainage area are served by the system within that sewershed. The areas served are residential and nonresidential developments along Pulaski Highway, Middle River Road, the area between Pulaski Highway, Bird River Road and Reames Road, Wampler Road and Gladway Road.

Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Projects

The Gambrill's Vincent Farm area has problems with failing septic systems. Land in that area consists mostly of hydric soils which have a limited absorption capacity. The Vincent Farm area is designated S-3 and construction of the sewer is expected to begin in 1998. Sewer facilities are intended for existing homes with failing systems and are not intended to serve new development in the area. The A.V. Williams property is also designated as W-3 and S-3.

Recommendation

Outside the URDL, extend public sewage service to existing homes with failing on-site septic systems only.